

17 March 1953

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SUBJECT: A&E Division - [redacted]

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[redacted] 46-page memorandum entitled "The Methods Employed in Effecting the Reorganization of the A&E Division/TR(S), Report of", plus 5 enclosures, addressed to General Smith was submitted to the DCI under cover of an undated memorandum. It was given to me on 9 March 1953 by [redacted] to whom, on 10 March, I gave my initial reaction and with whom on 13 March I discussed the case, it being agreed that two problems are involved: (1) The Assessment & Evaluation Division operated vis-a-vis [redacted], and (2) the basic problem of the proper role and organizational location of that division. It was also agreed that I should go ahead and conduct an investigation, [redacted] saying that Mr. Dulles already had approved such action.

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On 16 March I visited Colonel Baird and acquainted him with the fact (of which he was unaware) that [redacted] had submitted his views in writing to the DCI who had ordered an investigation. Colonel Baird said that he would give full cooperation and wished assurance only that those who might have been accused by [redacted] be given an opportunity to present their side. I assured him that this would be true.

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